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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 5086

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, PINS, CG

SUBJECT: SHABA ATTACK: MILITARY SITREP 1000Z 20 MAY 78

1. FOLLOWING IS REPORT ON KOLWEZI OPERATION RECEIVED FROM MILITARY
REP. IN GOZ MILITARY HEADQUARTERS IN KINSHASA:

FRIENDLY FORCES HAVE CONTROL OF ALL QUARTERS OF TOWN.
SECURITY OF THE EUROPEANS IS ASSURED.
RESCUE FORCES NOW REORGANIZING THE EUROPEANS.

2. ALMOST ALL HOUSES HAVE BEEN LOOTED.

APPROXIMATELY 60 TOTAL DEAD HAVE BEEN FOUND: THEIR NATIONALITIES
HAVE NOT BEEN DETERMINED.
NO WATER OR ELECTRICITY IN TOWN.
THE FOOD SITUATION IS TIGHT, BUT NOT CRITICAL.
STILL SOME SPORADIC FIGHTING.

3. ENEMY FORCES CASUALTIES: 200 KILLED.

SEVERAL THOUSAND WEAPONS CAPTURED

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HEAVY WEAPONS CAPTURED WERE CHINESE.

LOTS OF AMMUNITION CAPTURED.

TWO AML'S DESTROYED.

4. FRIENDLY FORCES CASUALTIES: 1 KILLED

15 MISSING (AFTER THE JUMP).

1 OFFICER WOUNDED.

10 JUMP ACCIDENTS.

5. SITUATION IS WELL IN HAND.

BELGIANS HAVE ARRIVED FOR REASONS MISSION.

6. NOW CONFIRMED THAT SIX FRENCH MILITARY (PANHARD ADVISORS) WERE
TAKEN AS HOSTAGGES TO ANGOLA.

7. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED ADDITIONAL REPORT THAT 122 EVACUEES LEFT
KAMINA 1100 FOR KINSHASA WHERE THEY EXPECTED ARRIVE BETWEEN 1230 AND

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300Z.

ANOTHER 60 EVACUEES REPORTEDLY HAVE ARRIVED AT KAMINA.

8. FRENCH AMBASSADOR TELLS US THAT 6 FRENCH MILITARY TECHNICIANS HAV
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BEEN TAKEN TOWARD ZAMBIA OR ANGOLA. HE SAID SOURCES IN KOLWEZI HAVE
REPORTED THAT THOSE TECHNICIANS WILL BE PUT ON TRIAL IN "PEOPLES
COURT."

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